

UMPH, MACC sign Corruption-Free Pledge

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(From left, seated) Pahang Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) Director Hairuzam Mohamad @ Hamim, MACC Deputy Director (Community Education Division) Ab Muneim Ibrahim, UMP Holdings (UMPH) Group chief executive officer Tuan Syed Alwi Mohamed Sultan and MACC head of Private Sector & Government-linked Companies (Community Education Division) Tun Awang Samsul Baharam Bungso posing with UMPH staff after signing the Corruption-Free Pledge in Kuantan on Monday. PIC COURTESY OF UMPH

UMP Holdings Group (UMPH) has made clear its stance against bribery by signing the Corruption-Free Pledge with the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC).

The pledge reading and signing ceremony were led by UMPH Group chief executive officer Tuan Syed Alwi Mohamed Sultan, and witnessed by MACC's Deputy Director (Community Education Division) Ab Muneim Ibrahim.

Syed Alwi said efforts to eradicate and fight corruption must be a collaborative effort by all UMPH staff, as the responsibility cannot be solely put on the shoulders of MACC.

"The corruption-free pledge is a promise, contract, *bai'ah* (oath of loyalty) and commitment towards efforts to prevent corruption at UMPH. UMPH is actively making plans concerning integrity awareness to help inject positive values in every staff so they will avoid committing any wrongdoing regardless of the time, place and situation."

Some 200 UMPH Group employees, including the top management staff, participated in taking the pledge at the UMPH complex in Gambang, near here, on Monday.

After the pledge-signing event, UMPH received the ISO 37001:2016 Anti-Bribery Management System certification from Platinum Shauffmantz Veritas International certification manager Fatimah Ali.

ISO 37001:2016 is an international standard that sets out requirements and provides guidance for establishing, implementing, maintaining, reviewing and improving anti-bribery management systems and processes, and reducing the risk of bribery in organisations.

MACC's Private Sector & Government-linked Companies (Community Education Division) head Awang Samsul Baharam Bungso enlightened the UMPH staff through a talk on integrity awareness titled "Sejauh Mana Kita Kenali Jenayah Rasuah" (To what extent do we know corruption as a crime).

Also present were Pahang MACC Director Hairuzam Mohamad @ Hamim and UMP's top management, who showed their full support during the event.